

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 475

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joyce Godsey on  
being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of  
Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, Joyce Godsey was named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, which holds an annual luncheon in the city to honor ten women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Mrs. Godsey has been a business partner with her husband, Don, for thirty-four years; having recently sold Gold Bond Inc., the couple remain the owners of Innovative Outdoor Signs, Worldwide Lines of Memphis, and a commercial real estate company in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she has volunteered her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations; Mrs. Godsey is a volunteer for the Siskin Foundation and the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished leader in her community, she has given of her time and many talents as a Trustee with the Godsey Foundation and a board member of the MaryEllen Locher Foundation, and she has been in charge of the VIP barge at Riverbend for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, always giving back to her community, Joyce Godsey established a scholarship for children of breast cancer victims; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Godsey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Joyce Godsey, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joyce Godsey on being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.